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Case of smallpox in Evansville, Ind.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 4, 1898.

We have to report 1 case of smallpox at Evansville, Ind. Source of infection not known. All sanitary precautions have been taken.

Yours, truly,

J. N. HURTY,
Secretary Indiana State Board of Health.

Case of varioloid at Westfield, N. J.

WESTFIELD, N. J., March 4, 1898.

SIR: Your letter received in reference to smallpox case in our town. In reply would say it was a mild case of varioloid. Our board kept it quarantined. It is cleaned up at this date. Inclosed find attending physician's report of it.

Respectfully,

JOHN M. C. MARSH,
Secretary of Board of Health.

[Inclosure.]

WESTFIELD, N. J., February 24, 1898.

SIR: In regard to the case of Mrs. Stutzman, I will say that she has a mild case of varioloid, and is nearly well. The source of the contagion I am unable to trace. I do not think there is the slightest chance for the spread of the disease.

Yours, truly,

S. COOPER, M. D.

Case of varioloid in Westfield, Mass.

WESTFIELD, MASS., March 2, 1898.

SIR: In reply to your circular letter, G. F. V., of the 28th ultimo, I would state that the case of varioloid came to the notice of this board on February 20, and after a careful investigation the subsequent visits confirmed this diagnosis.

Owing to the poor condition of our "pesthouse" the case was isolated where it was found; 5 children and their father are kept in another part of the house, and the mother, who says she has had the smallpox in Ireland, looks after the patient. The whole family were immediately vaccinated, and all scholars who may have been exposed were also vaccinated. The greatest care has been taken, and we hope to have no more cases.

I am the only person to enter the house, wearing a complete rubber suit, exposing only my face, after which I completely change my clothes, which are immediately fumigated with formaldehyd for twelve hours.

I have carefully investigated the cause thus far, without success, unless contagion came from some second hand clothes which the mother bought from a Jew peddler.

The patient, a boy 6 years old, is getting along nicely. There is a specific history in the family, the father being infected. Two of the children have had eruptions from this cause, and one is now under treatment, a baby fifteen months old, the scalp being affected.

Any further information I can give will be willingly given. If you can offer any suggestions they will be cheerfully carried out.

Respectfully, yours,

JAS. W. HOLLAND, M. D.,
Clerk.